

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1002

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Endorsing the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen Program and supporting its efforts to promote responsible dog ownership in the state of South Dakota.

WHEREAS, dogs play an important role in the lives of many South Dakota citizens by serving as companions, working dogs, therapy dogs, and assistance dogs; and

WHEREAS, responsible dog ownership is encouraged in South Dakota and responsible owners should properly control and provide adequate training for their dogs; and

WHEREAS, Canine Good Citizen Programs teach pet owners that dogs should exhibit "good citizen" behaviors in the presence of other people and animals, both at home and within the community; and

WHEREAS, Canine Good Citizen Programs identify and officially recognize those dogs who behave as members in good standing within the community, and there is a real need in our communities for dogs to behave in that way:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-first Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South Dakota Legislature encourages dog training programs and supports the efforts of kennel clubs to provide training and education to pet owners that result in dogs being identified by the American Kennel Club as Canine Good Citizens.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,  
Concurred in by the Senate,

January 25, 2006  
January 27, 2006

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Speaker of the House

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